# Northern Panhandle Community Survey

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### **Introduction and Methodology**

As part of the *Sitka Access EIS and North Panhandle Transportation Study* for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, CH2M Hill contracted with the McDowell Group, Inc. to conduct a survey of households in the Northern Panhandle region. This report presents findings from the telephone survey, conducted of 304 randomly-selected households in nine communities in the Northern Panhandle region: Hoonah, Kake, Gustavus, Angoon, Pelican, Tenakee Springs, Port Alexander, Elfin Cove, and Baranof Warm Springs. The survey sample was distributed based on the relative population of each community. Maximum margin of error for the entire sample of 304 households is ±5.3 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

Following are key findings from the survey.

### **Most Important Communities for Access**

- Juneau was by far the most important community to have access to by either ferry or air, among surveyed communities. Four out of five said it was the most important community to have access to, both by ferry (81 percent) and by air (82 percent).
- Sitka was usually seen as the second-most important community to have ferry and air access to, by ferry (52 percent) and by air (52 percent).

#### **Relative Importance of Ferry Issues**

- When asked to rank the relative importance of several ferry issues, respondents
  most often ranked frequency of service as most important (34 percent), followed
  closely by low-cost service (29 percent). Convenient arrival/departure times (18
  percent) and fast travel times (16 percent) were not seen as important as these
  two issues.
- Respondents were in greater agreement on air service issues: 63 percent said that low cost air service was the most important issue. This was followed by frequent air service at 16 percent, convenient arrival/departure times at 10 percent, and fast travel times at 5 percent.

### Taking the Ferry versus Flying

- Over half of respondents (58 percent) said their number one reason for flying instead of taking the ferry was that the ferry takes too long. Schedule convenience was the number two reason at 26 percent.
- Asked for reasons they take the ferry instead of fly, respondents most commonly mentioned bringing a vehicle or freight. This was followed by less expensive at 33 percent and weather at 30 percent.

#### Travel to Juneau

- Respondents reported taking an average of 9.5 trips in the last year to Juneau, 3.7 by ferry and 5.8 by air. Total trips ranged from 14.0 among Gustavus respondents to 1.4 trips among Port Alexander respondents.
- Respondents suggested that ferry service to Juneau would have to occur an
  average of 1.7 times a week in order to meet their needs. This figure ranged from
  2.6 times a week among Hoonah respondents to 0.6 times a week among Elfin
  Cove respondents.
- If their desired frequency of service were met, respondents predicted taking an average of 12.6 trips to Juneau in a year. This is over three times the number of trips respondents reported taking by ferry in the previous year (3.7). Predictions ranged from an average of 2.9 trips among Port Alexander respondents, to 8.1 trips among Pelican respondents, to 15.6 trips among Hoonah respondents.

#### **Travel to Sitka**

- Respondents reported taking an average of 2.8 trips in the last year to Sitka, 1.8 by ferry and 1.0 by air. (Over one-third, 36 percent, reported zero trips.) Travel frequency was highest among Port Alexander residents at 5.1 trips, and lowest among Gustavus residents at 0.4 trips.
- Respondents suggested that ferry service to Sitka would have to occur an average of 0.9 times per week to meet their needs. (Three out of ten said they needed no ferry service to Sitka.)
- Among those desiring ferry service to Sitka, they predicted taking an average of 6.9 trips per year with optimal ferry service. This figure ranged from 2.4 trips among Gustavus respondents to 8.8 trips among Port Alexander respondents.

#### **Travel to Petersburg**

- Just one out of five respondents reported traveling to or through Petersburg. The average number of trips made in the previous year was 0.5.
- Respondents suggested that ferry service to Petersburg would have to occur an average of 1.3 times per month to meet their needs. (Three-quarters, 73 percent, said they needed no ferry service to Petersburg.)
- Among those desiring ferry service to Petersburg, they predicted taking an average of 4.6 trips per year with optimal ferry service. This figure ranged from 1.8 trips among Gustavus respondents to 6.5 trips among Kake respondents.

#### Introduction

This report presents findings from the Northern Panhandle Household Transportation Survey, as part of the *Sitka Access EIS and North Panhandle Transportation Study* undertaken by CH2M Hill for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The McDowell Group, Inc., an Alaska research and consulting firm with offices in Juneau and Anchorage, was contracted by CH2M Hill to conduct the household survey.

The telephone survey was conducted in the following communities: Hoonah, Kake, Gustavus, Angoon, Pelican, Tenakee Springs, Port Alexander, Elfin Cove, and Baranof Warm Springs. The survey asked residents for information regarding their travel behavior, and preferences for access, to and from three communities: Juneau, Sitka, and Petersburg. The survey also gathered information on passenger-only ferry service, travel motives, and other issues.

### Methodology

In late October 2004, telephone surveys were conducted with 304 randomly-selected households in the Northern Panhandle region. Target survey samples were determined based on the population of each community. Because several communities came out slightly above or below target, results were weighted according to the population in each community. The survey findings are initially presented based to all 304 responding households. Results for each community are then presented in summary tables. A copy of the survey instrument is provided at the end of the report.

The table below shows the number of surveys conducted in each community, the percentage of total surveys for each community, and the percentage of the adult population in each community who were surveyed. The table also shows the maximum margin of error at the 95 percent confidence level.

Number of Surveys and Maximum Margin of Error by Community

	Number of Surveys	% of Total Surveys	2003 Population (Adults) <sup>1</sup>	% of Adult Population Surveyed	Maximum Margin of Error
Hoonah	93	31%	604	15%	±9.2%
Kake	58	19	450	13	12.5
Gustavus	52	17	324	16	13.0
Angoon	45	15	328	14	13.2
Pelican	23	8	86	27	17.2
Tenakee Springs	16	5	91	18	>20.0
Port Alexander	11	4	48	23	>20.0
Elfin Cove	5	2	27	19	>20.0
Baranof Warm Springs <sup>2</sup>	1	<1	2	50	N/A
Total	304	100%	1,960	16%	±5.3%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As adult population at the community level is only determined in Census years, the 2003 adult population was estimated based on 2000 adult ratios for each community.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available data indicates that two adults reside in Baranof Warm Springs year-round, although more adults live there during summer.

### **Most Important Communities for Ferry Access**

- The vast majority of respondents (93 percent) said that Juneau was either the most important or second-most important community to have ferry access to. Sitka was commonly mentioned as second-most important.
- Very few respondents mentioned communities other than Juneau or Sitka as being important to have access to. Hoonah was mentioned by 7 percent of respondents, while Petersburg, Ketchikan, and Haines were each mentioned by 4 percent of respondents.
- Port Alexander was the only community in which respondents viewed Sitka as being more important than Juneau to have ferry access to.

### Which Southeast community, if any, is most important for you to have access to by <u>ferry</u>? Which is the second most?

	Most Important	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> responses
Juneau	81%	13%	93%
Sitka	12	52	64
Kake	2	0	2
Petersburg	2	3	4
Angoon	1	1	2
Hoonah	<1	7	7
Ketchikan	<1	3	4
Tenakee	0	1	1
Haines/Klukwan	0	4	4
Skagway	0	2	2
Gustavus	0	<1	<1
Metlakatla	0	<1	<1
Yakutat	0	<1	<1
None	1	13	14
Don't know/refused	1	0	1

Note: Most important plus second most important percentages may not add to the combined percentage due to rounding.

### **Most Important Communities for Air Access**

- These results closely mirror those for ferry access, with 92 percent of respondents saying that Juneau is the most important or second-most important community to have air access to.
- Again, Port Alexander was the only community where respondents considered Sitka as more important than Juneau to have air access to.

# Which Southeast community, if any, is most important for you to have access to by <u>air</u>? Which is the second most?

	Most Important	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> responses
Juneau	82%	11%	92%
Sitka	11	52	64
Ketchikan	1	4	5
Angoon	1	<1	1
Gustavus	<1	0	<1
Kake	<1	1	1
Petersburg	<1	5	5
Hoonah	0	4	4
Tenakee	0	1	1
Haines/Klukwan	0	3	3
Skagway	0	1	1
Metlakatla	0	<1	<1
Yakutat	0	<1	<1
Craig	0	<1	<1
None	1	17	18
Don't know/refused	2	0	2

#### **Relative Importance of Ferry Issues**

- The two issues of "frequent ferry service" and "low cost ferry service" tended to be more important to respondents than either "convenient arrival/departure times" or "fast travel times."
- Frequent ferry service was particularly important to Pelican respondents, with 78 percent saying that it was most important or second-most important.
- Low-cost ferry service was most important to Gustavus respondents (75 percent).
- Convenient arrival/departure times was most important to Hoonah respondents (59 percent).
- Fast travel times was most important to Kake respondents (40 percent).

### Which of the following issues is most important in meeting your ferry transportation needs? Second most important?

	Most Important	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> responses
Frequent ferry service	34%	28%	62%
Low cost ferry service	29	31	60
Convenient arrival/departure times	18	23	40
Fast travel times	16	14	30
Don't know/refused	4	5	9

### **Relative Importance of Air Transportation Issues**

- Low cost air service was by far the most important issue for respondents, with 63 percent saying it was the most important issue.
- Kake respondents had the highest proportion of "low-cost air service" responses (83 percent).
- Port Alexander had the highest proportion of both "frequent air service" (73 percent) and "convenient arrival/departure times" (45 percent).
- Tenakee Springs had the highest proportion of "fast travel times" responses (31 percent).

### Which of the following issues is most important in meeting your <u>air</u> transportation needs? Second most important?

	Most important	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> responses
Low cost air service	63%	14%	78%
Frequent air service	16	36	52
Convenient arrival/departure times	10	28	38
Fast travel times	5	14	19
Don't know/refused	6	8	14

### Reasons for Flying Instead of Taking the Ferry

- Over half of respondents (58 percent) said their main reason for flying instead of taking the ferry is travel time.
- While "fast travel times" was ranked lowest on a list of ferry service priorities (see previous page), it remains the number one reason that people do not take the ferry. The difference between the two results is contextual: in the first question, respondents are being asked *only* about ferry service issues. The slower transportation time is somewhat of a given when considering ferry travel. In the second question, respondents are asked to compare flying and taking the ferry. Travel time becomes paramount as a point of comparison.
- Angoon respondents were most likely to mention ferry takes too long (67 percent). Hoonah respondents were most likely to mention schedule convenience (35 percent).

### When traveling within Southeast Alaska, what is the main reason you would choose to fly instead of taking the ferry?

	% of Total
Ferry takes too long/travel time	58%
Air schedule convenience/ferry schedule inconvenience	26
No AMHS service to community or destination	10
Don't fly/won't fly/never fly	3
Other	<1
Don't know	8
Refused	3

#### Reasons for Taking the Ferry Instead of Flying

• The most common reason respondents would take the ferry instead of fly is to bring vehicle/freight, mentioned by 40 percent, followed closely by less expensive (33 percent) and weather (30 percent).

# When traveling within Southeast Alaska, what is the main reason you would choose to take the ferry instead of flying?

	% of Total
Bring vehicle/freight	40%
Less expensive	33
Weather	30
Relaxing	12
Don't like to fly	9
Safer	8
Scenery	5
More reliable	3
Other	2
Don't know	2
Refused	2

### Ownership of Cars in Juneau, Sitka, and Petersburg

- Fifteen percent of respondents keep a car in Juneau or Sitka, nearly all of whom keep a car in Juneau. No respondents said that they keep a car in Petersburg.
- Tenakee Springs respondents were most likely to keep a car in one of the three communities: 44 percent keep a car in Juneau, and 6 percent keep a car in Sitka.

### Do you keep a car in Juneau, Sitka or Petersburg? If Yes, in which community?

_	% of Total
Yes	15%
Juneau	11
Sitka	1
Petersburg	0
Refused	2
No	84
Refused	1

### Passenger-Only Ferry Usage and Rating

• One out of five respondents traveled on a passenger-only ferry in the past year. Usage was highest among Angoon respondents (44 percent), Tenakee respondents (38 percent), and Pelican respondents (35 percent).

### Have you traveled on an Allen Marine, Four Seasons or other passenger-only ferry this year?

	% of Total
Yes	21%
No	78
Refused	1

- Among respondents who traveled on passenger-only ferry service, satisfaction with the overall experience was high, with nine out of ten saying they were either satisfied or very satisfied.
- Very few people were dissatisfied with various aspects of the passenger-only ferry service. The highest dissatisfaction ratings were for ability to transport baggage, for which 36 percent were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

#### Satisfaction Levels: Passenger-Only Ferry Service

(Base: Respondents who traveled on passenger-only ferry)

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral/ Don't know/ Refused
Overall experience	23%	67%	8%	0%	2%
Value for the money	9	65	13	1	13
Convenience of schedule	7	71	7	0	16
Comfort during the trip	16	57	16	6	5
Ability to transport baggage and personal items	3	51	31	5	11

### Age and Income

• The average age of all respondents was 51 years old. Age was highest among Pelican respondents at 58 years old. Age was lowest among Angoon respondents at 48 years old.

Age of Respondent

	% of Total
18-24 years	6%
25-34 years	6
35-44 years	18
45-54 years	29
55-64 years	26
65 years and over	15
Average age	51 years old

• The average household income of all respondents was \$42,100. Income was highest among Elfin Cove and Pelican respondents. Income was lowest among Kake and Angoon respondents.

#### **Household Income**

	% of Total
Under \$20,000	25%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	29
\$40,000 to \$60,000	19
\$60,000 to \$80,000	11
\$80,000 to \$100,000	5
Over \$100,000	4
Refused	7
Average	\$42,100

### Juneau: Travel Frequency

- Respondents reported taking an average of 9.5 trips to Juneau over the previous 12 months, including 3.7 trips by ferry and 5.8 trips by air. (These averages include respondents who took zero trips.)
- Gustavus respondents reported the highest average number of trips to Juneau at 14.0. Port Alexander respondents reported the lowest average number at 1.4.

### Number of Trips in Past Twelve Months to Juneau, by Ferry and Air<sup>1</sup>

	Total	By Ferry	By Air
None	7%	34%	20%
1-3 trips	15	27	26
4-6 trips	29	22	22
7-12 trips	26	13	19
13-24 trips	17	2	10
25 or more trips	6	1	2
Average	9.5 trips	3.7 trips	5.8 trips

### Juneau: Purpose of Trips

- Shopping was the number one reason reported for traveling to Juneau by ferry (34 percent), followed by medical (23 percent).
- Among airplane trips, medical and work each accounted for 26 percent of trips, followed by shopping at 19 percent.
- Hoonah respondents were the most likely to make shopping trips to Juneau by ferry (37 percent of all trips). Tenakee Springs respondents were the most likely to make medical trips to Juneau by ferry (30 percent of all trips).
- Elfin Cove respondents were most likely to make medical trips to Juneau by air (38 percent of all trips). Tenakee Springs respondents were most likely to make work trips to Juneau by air (37 percent of all trips).

### How many of your Juneau ferry/air trips were primarily for...(trip purpose)? (Base: Those who traveled to Juneau)

	% of Ferry Trips	% of Air Trips
Shopping	34%	19%
Medical	23	26
No primary purpose/multiple	18	10
Work	14	26
Visiting friends and relatives	7	10
Special events (school, sports)	5	4
Passing through	1	6
Other	1	<1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> When respondents were asked how many trips they made to Juneau (or Sitka or Petersburg), they were asked to include trips where they were passing through.

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### Juneau: Desired Frequency of Service

- When asked their desired frequency of service to Juneau, the most common response was twice a week (28 percent), followed by once a week (21 percent).
   Fifteen percent desired three times a week service. Average was 1.7 times a week.
- Hoonah respondents reported the highest average desired frequency of ferry service to Juneau, at 2.6 times a week. Elfin Cove respondents reported the lowest average frequency at 2.5 times a month (or 0.6 times a week).

### How frequent would ferry service to Juneau need to be in order to meet your needs?

	% of Total
Zero	5%
1 to 11 times/year	5
Once a month	10
Twice a month	9
Once a week	21
Twice a week	28
Three times a week	15
Four to six times a week	5
Daily	1
Other	2
Average	1.7 times/week

#### **Juneau: Expected Travel with Desired Frequency**

- Respondents predicted that they would make an average of 12.6 trips to Juneau in a year if they had their desired frequency of service.
- Elfin Cove and Hoonah respondents predicted the highest frequency of travel at 15.8 trips and 15.6 trips, respectively.
- Port Alexander and Pelican respondents predicted the lowest frequency of travel at 2.9 trips and 8.1 trips, respectively.

# If you had your desired frequency of ferry service, how many ferry trips would you make to Juneau in a year?

(Base: Those who gave a number other than zero on previous question)

	% of Total
Zero	3%
1-3 times	10
4-6 times	29
7-12 times	34
13-24 times	15
25 or more times	9
Average	12.6 trips

#### Juneau: Preferred Travel with Vehicle

- Respondents said they would prefer to take a vehicle on an average of 6.9 trips, out of the 12.6 total trips.
- Not surprisingly, communities with few vehicles (Tenakee Springs, Port Alexander, and Elfin Cove) predicted fewer trips with a vehicle.

Of the ferry trips you estimate making to Juneau in a year, on how many of these trips would you prefer to take a vehicle? (Base: Those who gave a number other than zero on previous question)

	% of Total
Zero	32%
1-3 times	14
4-6 times	22
7-12 times	21
13-24 times	7
25 or more times	4
Average	6.9 trips

### Juneau: Satisfaction with Ground Transportation

- Nearly three out of ten respondents (29 percent) were dissatisfied with the ability to get ground transportation at the Juneau ferry terminal. Forty-two percent were satisfied, and 29 percent felt neutral or didn't know.
- Respondents tended to be more satisfied with their ability to get ground transportation at the Juneau airport, with 79 percent saying they were satisfied and only 8 percent saying they were dissatisfied.

#### **Satisfaction Levels: Juneau Ground Transportation**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral/ Don't know/ Refused
Ability to get ground transportation at the Juneau ferry terminal	2%	40%	19%	10%	29%
Ability to get ground transportation at the Juneau airport	10	69	6	2	13

### Sitka: Travel Frequency

- About two-thirds of respondents (64 percent) had traveled to Sitka in the previous 12 months, making an average of 2.8 trips. (The average is based to all respondents, not just those who traveled to Sitka.)
- Port Alexander respondents reported the highest frequency of travel to Sitka: an average of 5.1 trips. Gustavus respondents reported the least travel to Sitka, at 0.4 average trips.

Number of Trips in Past Twelve Months to Sitka, by Ferry and Air

	Total	By Ferry	By Air
None	36%	55%	62%
1-3 trips	34	27	28
4-6 trips	19	11	6
7-12 trips	9	6	3
13-24 trips	1	1	<1
25 or more trips	<1	0	0
Average	2.8 trips	1.8 trips	1.0 trips

### Sitka: Purpose of Trips

- About half of all trips to Sitka made by respondents in the last 12 months were taken for medical reasons, whether they traveled by ferry or air.
- Ferry trips to Sitka were more likely than air trips to be for visiting friends and relatives (19 percent) and for shopping (17 percent). Air trips, on the other hand, were more likely to be for work purposes (22 percent).
- Kake respondents were the most likely to make medical trips to Sitka by ferry (65 percent of all ferry trips). They were also the most likely to make medical trips to Sitka by air (72 percent of all air trips).

How many of your Sitka ferry/air trips were primarily for...(trip purpose)? (Base: Those who traveled to Sitka)

	% of Ferry Trips	% of Air Trips
Medical	48%	52%
Visiting friends and relatives	19	10
Shopping	17	2
No primary purpose/multiple	9	4
Special events (school, sports)	6	2
Passing through	3	6
Work	3	22
Other	1	<1

#### Sitka: Desired Frequency of Service

- Three out of ten respondents said they did not need ferry service to Sitka.
- Twice a week (21 percent) and once a week (18 percent) were the most commonly requested ferry service frequencies. Average (including those who needed no service) was about once a week.
- Angoon respondents reported the highest average desired frequency of ferry service to Sitka, at 1.4 times a week. Elfin Cove respondents suggested the lowest average frequency at 1.8 times a month (or 0.4 times a week).

### How frequent would ferry service to Sitka need to be in order to meet your needs?

	% of Total
Zero	29%
1 to 11 times/year	8
Once a month	9
Twice a month	6
Once a week	18
Twice a week	21
Three times a week	4
Four to six times a week	3
Other	2
Average	0.9 times/week

### Sitka: Expected Travel with Desired Frequency

- Among respondents who suggested a frequency of ferry service other than zero, an average of 6.9 trips to Sitka in a year was predicted if they had their desired frequency of service.
- Port Alexander respondents predicted they would travel to Sitka an average of 8.8 times a year; Gustavus respondents predicted just 2.4 trips a year.

# If you had your desired frequency of ferry service, how many ferry trips would you make to Sitka in a year?

(Base: Those who gave a number other than zero on previous question)

	% of Total
Zero	4%
1-3 times	32
4-6 times	35
7-12 times	19
13-24 times	6
25 or more times	3
Average	6.9 trips

#### Sitka: Preferred Travel with Vehicle

- Respondents said they would prefer to take a vehicle on an average of 3.1 trips, out of the 6.9 total trips.
- As with travel to Juneau, respondents in communities with few vehicles were much less likely to say they would prefer to take a vehicle.

# Of the ferry trips you estimate making to Sitka in a year, on how many of these trips would you prefer to take a vehicle? (Base: Those who gave a number other than zero on previous question)

	% of Total
Zero	50%
1-3 times	22
4-6 times	19
7-12 times	5
13-24 times	2
25 or more times	2
Average	3.1 trips

### Sitka: Satisfaction with Ground Transportation

- A significant portion of respondents (42 and 37 percent) did not identify their satisfaction levels with Sitka's ground transportation at the ferry or air terminals. This reflects the percentage of respondents who did not travel to Sitka in the previous 12 months (36 percent).
- Satisfaction was higher with ground transportation at the Sitka air terminal (52 percent satisfied or very satisfied) versus the ferry terminal (39 percent).

#### **Satisfaction Levels: Sitka Ground Transportation**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral/ Don't know/ Refused
Ability to get ground transportation at the Sitka ferry terminal	3%	36%	17%	2%	42%
Ability to get ground transportation at the Sitka air terminal	4	47	9	3	37

### **Petersburg: Travel Frequency**

- One out of five respondents said they traveled to (or through) Petersburg in the previous 12 months, for an overall average of 0.5 trips.
- Kake respondents were the most likely to have traveled to Petersburg at 56 percent, with an average of 1.6 trips.
- Angoon respondents were the least likely to have traveled to Petersburg, at 4
  percent.

### Number of Trips in Past Twelve Months to Petersburg, by Ferry and Air

	Total	By Ferry	By Air
None	80%	87%	92%
1-3 trips	16	12	7
4-6 trips	3	1	1
7-12 trips	<1	0	0
13-24 trips	<1	<1	0
25 or more trips	0	0	0
Average	0.5 trips	0.3 trips	0.2 trips

### **Petersburg: Purpose of Trips**

- Among ferry trips, respondents were most likely to say they were for multiple reasons (29 percent). One out of four trips were for shopping.
- Respondents were most likely to say their Petersburg air trips were for work (45 percent), followed by medical (28 percent).
- Compared to the other two communities profiled (Juneau and Sitka), Petersburg had the highest incidence of respondents saying they were "passing through": 14 percent of ferry trips, compared to 1 percent for Juneau and 3 percent for Sitka; and 13 percent of air trips, compared to 6 percent for Juneau and 6 percent for Sitka.

# How many of your Petersburg ferry/air trips were primarily for...(trip purpose)? (Base: Those who traveled to Petersburg)

	% of Ferry Trips	% of Air Trips
No primary purpose/multiple	29%	5%
Shopping	25	15
Passing through	14	13
Visiting friends and relatives	11	17
Work	11	45
Medical	6	28
Special events (school, sports)	4	0

### **Petersburg: Desired Frequency of Service**

- Nearly three-quarters of respondents (73 percent) said they did not need ferry service to Petersburg.
- Those requesting ferry service to Petersburg most often suggested once a week service (11 percent).

### How frequent would ferry service to Petersburg need to be in order to meet your needs?

	% of Total
Zero	73%
1 to 11 times/year	4
Once a month	3
Twice a month	2
Once a week	11
Twice a week	4
Three times a week	2
Four to six times a week	<1
Other	<1
Average	1.3 times/month

### **Petersburg: Expected Travel with Desired Frequency**

- Among respondents who requested a frequency of ferry service other than zero, the average number of trips they estimated they would take in a year was 4.6.
- Kake respondents predicted the highest number of trips to Petersburg at 6.5. Gustavus respondents predicted just 1.8 trips.

# If you had your desired frequency of ferry service, how many ferry trips would you make to Petersburg in a year?

(Base: Those who gave a number other than zero on previous question)

	% of Total
Zero	10%
1-3 times	56
4-6 times	17
7-12 times	11
13-24 times	2
25 or more times	4
Average	4.6 trips

#### **Petersburg: Preferred Travel with Vehicle**

 Respondents who suggested they would travel to Petersburg with their desired frequency of service said they would prefer to take a vehicle on an average of 2.0 of those trips.

Of the ferry trips you estimate making to Petersburg in a year, on how many of these trips would you prefer to take a vehicle?

(Base: Those who gave a number other than zero on previous question)

	% of Total
Zero	64%
1-3 times	22
4-6 times	7
7-12 times	3
13-24 times	2
25 or more times	2
Average	2.0 trips

### **Petersburg: Satisfaction with Ground Transportation**

- Over three-quarters of respondents (77 percent) did not identify a level of satisfaction with Petersburg ground transportation corresponding closely with the 80 percent who did not travel to Petersburg in the last year.
- Of those who gave a satisfaction level, respondents tended to be more satisfied than dissatisfied with ground transportation both at the ferry terminal (16 percent satisfied; 6 percent dissatisfied) and at the airport (14 percent satisfied; 7 percent dissatisfied).

### **Satisfaction Levels: Petersburg Ground Transportation**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral/ Don't know/ Refused
Ability to get ground transportation at the Petersburg ferry terminal	1%	15%	6%	<1%	77%
Ability to get ground transportation at the Petersburg airport	1	13	6	1	77

This section contains two detailed tables summarizing the survey results by individual community. Where significant or interesting differences occurred among the individual communities surveyed, they have been pointed out in the text accompanying each table in the previous section.

Sample sizes are indicated along the top row of the table. Readers are advised to be aware of the small sample sizes in viewing the individual community data, particularly in the cases of Tenakee Springs (16 respondents), Port Alexander (11 respondents), and Elfin Cove (5 respondents).

Results for Baranof Warm Springs are not presented in this section, as only one person participated in the survey. (Available data indicates that two adults reside in Baranof Warm Springs year-round.)

### **Summary Table: All Communities**

	All Respondents (n = 304)	Angoon (n = 45)	Elfin Cove (n = 5)	Gustavus (n = 52)	Hoonah (n = 93)	Kake (n = 58)	Pelican (n = 23)	Port Alexander (n = 11)	Tenakee Springs (n = 16)
Which Southeast community is most important for yo	ou to have access to by	/ ferry? (Top 2 resp	onses)						
Juneau	81%	73%	100%	92%	91%	71%	100%	18%	81%
Sitka	12	16	0	0	6	19	0	64	6
Which Southeast community is second most importa	nt for you to have acce	ess to by ferry? (To	p 2 responses)				•		1
Sitka	52%	68%	40%	19%	55%	55%	65%	27%	63%
Juneau	13	16	0	0	6	22	0	55	13
Which Southeast community is most important for yo	ou to have access to by	/ air? (Top 2 respo	nses)				•	1	1
Juneau	82%	78%	80%	98%	92%	69%	91%	9%	100%
Sitka	11	11	0	2	2	21	4	82	0
Which Southeast community is second most importa	nt for you to have acce	ess to by air? (Top	2 responses)				1		1
Sitka	52%	67%	60%	25%	55%	53%	79%	9%	63%
Juneau	11	11	20	2	3	22	5	64	0
Most important issues in addressing ferry transporta	tion needs (First and se	econd responses c	ombined)					-	-
Frequent ferry service	62%	60%	40%	60%	57%	67%	78%	36%	69%
Low cost ferry service	60	67	40	75	52	62	48	55	38
Convenient arrival/departure times	40	36	80	33	59	28	35	36	44
Fast travel times	30	33	40	17	26	40	26	36	25
Most important issues in addressing air transportation				17	20	10		00	20
Low cost air service	78%	80%	80%	73%	80%	83%	70%	55%	56%
Frequent air service	52	44	60	54	52	48	70 / 8	73	56
Convenient arrival/departure times	38	38	60	40	40	36	26	45	31
Fast travel times	19	24	00	25	16	17	9	9	31
When traveling in Southeast Alaska, what is the main			<u> </u>	_	10	17	9	9	31
Ferry takes too long/travel time	58%	67%	60%	56%	55%	60%	65%	27%	63%
Air sched. convenience/ferry sched. inconvenience	26	24	20	17	35%	26	13	18	6
	10								<u> </u>
No AMHS service to community or destination		2	60	35 0	0	5	17	55	19
Don't fly/won't fly/never fly	3		Ū		0	5	9	9	0
When traveling in Southeast Alaska, what is the main	<del>,                                      </del>		<u> </u>		100/	400/	000/	00/	0.40/
Bring vehicle/freight	40%	36%	40%	42%	42%	48%	22%	9%	31%
Less expensive	33	29	60	27	24	45	43	55	56
Weather	30	27	40	15	34	41	22	0	31
Relaxing	12	7	0	17	10	17	9	9	19
Do you keep a car in Juneau, Sitka, or Petersburg?				<b>I</b>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	1	<u> </u>	1
Juneau	11%	11%	40%	25%	5%	4%	13%	0%	44%
Sitka	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	27	6
Petersburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Have you traveled on an Allen Marine, Four Seasons	<u> </u>					T	T		
Yes	21%	44%	0%	10%	25%	2%	35%	0%	38%
(If Yes) How satisfied were you with the overall exper				T		T	1	1	T
Satisfied or very satisfied	90%	90%	N/A	80%	87%	100%	100%	N/A	100%
Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	8	5	N/A	20	13	0	0	N/A	0
Refused	2	5	N/A	0	0	0	0	N/A	0
Average age	51 years old	48 years old	55 years old	51 years old	50 years old	50 years old	58 years old	54 years old	57 years old
Average income	\$42,100	\$34,200	\$73,300	\$51,800	\$49,000	\$33,000	\$50,200	\$34,300	\$41,700

Summary Table: All Communities (Cont'd)

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TRAVEL TO JUNEAU	All Respondents (n = 304)	Angoon (n = 45)	Elfin Cove (n = 5)	Gustavus (n = 52)	Hoonah (n = 93)	Kake (n = 58)	Pelican (n = 23)	Port Alexander (n = 11)	Tenakee Springs (n = 16)
In the past 12 months, how many trips have you mad	le to Juneau?								
Traveled to Juneau	93%	98%	100%	96%	97%	89%	87%	73%	94%
Average number of trips (including non-travelers)	9.5 trips	9.4 trips	10.4 trips	9.8 trips	14.0 trips	6.0 trips	6.0 trips	1.4 trips	10.1 trips
By ferry	3.7 trips	4.8 trips	0.0 trips	0.0 trips	6.3 trips	2.7 trips	1.7 trips	0.1 trips	6.1 trips
By air	5.8 trips	4.6 trips	10.4 trips	9.8 trips	7.7 trips	3.4 trips	4.3 trips	1.3 trips	4.1 trips
Purpose of Juneau ferry trips (Top 3; % of total trips)									
Shopping	34%	36%	N/a	N/a	37%	28%	26%	0%	16%
Medical	23	15	N/a	N/a	25	28	21	0	30
No primary purpose/multiple reasons	18	31	N/a	N/a	8	24	32	0	32
Purpose of Juneau air trips (Top 3; % of total trips)									
Work	26%	21%	35%	24%	28%	29%	12%	29%	37%
Medical	26	14	38	29	30	21	10	14	35
Shopping	19	19	21	29	14	17	13	29	8
Desired frequency of ferry service to Juneau (avg.)	1.7 times / week	1.7 times / week	0.6 times / week	1.1 times / week	2.6 times / week	1.5 times / week	0.7 times / week	0.9 times / week	1.2 times / week
With desired service, projected # of annual ferry trips (Base: those who desire service to Juneau)	12.6 trips / year	14.0 trips / year	15.8 trips / year	12.6 trips / year	15.6 trips / year	10.8 trips / year	8.1 trips / year	2.9 trips / year	11.1 trips / year
Number of trips on which vehicle would be preferred	6.9 trips / year	8.1 trips / year	0.0 trips / year	5.9 trips / year	10.7 trips / year	5.0 trips / year	2.4 trips / year	0.6 trips / year	0.9 trips / year
TRAVEL TO SITKA									
In the past 12 months, how many trips have you mad	le to Sitka?								
Traveled to Sitka	64%	75%	40%	23%	61%	84%	48%	91%	50%
Average number of trips (including non-travelers)	2.8 trips	3.9 trips	3.0 trips	0.4 trips	2.3 trips	4.3 trips	0.9 trips	5.1 trips	3.3 trips
By ferry	1.8 trips	2.7 trips	0.0 trips	0.0 trips	1.6 trips	2.8 trips	0.1 trips	0.0 trips	2.8 trips
By air	1.0 trips	1.2 trips	3.0 trips	0.4 trips	0.6 trips	1.5 trips	0.8 trips	5.1 trips	0.4 trips
Purpose of Sitka ferry trips (Top 3; % of total trips)									
Medical	48%	33%	N/a	N/a	52%	65%	0%	N/a	0%
Visiting friends and relatives	19	26	N/a	N/a	32	6	0	N/a	2
Shopping	17	44	N/a	N/a	0	4	50	N/a	51
Purpose of Sitka air trips (Top 3; % of total trips)									
Medical	52%	61%	0%	21%	49%	72%	37%	30%	0%
Work	22	22	67	32	23	12	21	32	29
Visiting friends and relatives	10	6	33	26	16	4	16	7	71
Desired frequency of ferry service to Sitka (avg.)	0.9 times / week	1.4 times / week	1.8 times / month	0.6 times / month	1.1 times / week	1.2 times / week	0.9 times / month	0.7 times / week	0.7 times / week
With desired service, projected # of annual ferry trips (Base: those who desire service to Sitka)	6.9 trips / year	9.4 trips / year	21.7 trips / year	2.4 trips / year	6.0 trips / year	6.4 trips / year	4.8 trips / year	8.1 trips / year	6.9 trips / year
Number of trips on which vehicle would be preferred	3.1 trips / year	5.1 trips / year	0.0 trips / year	1.1 trips / year	3.0 trips / year	3.0 trips / year	1.1 trips / year	0.0 trips / year	2.3 trips / year
TRAVEL TO PETERSBURG									
In the past 12 months, how many trips have you mad	e to Petersburg?								
Traveled to Petersburg	20%	4%	20%	4%	10%	56%	22%	9%	19%
Average number of trips (including non-travelers)	0.5 trips	0.0 trips	1.2 trips	0.1 trips	0.1 trips	1.6 trips	0.5 trips	0.2 trips	0.6 trips
By ferry	0.3 trips	0.0 trips	0.0 trips	0.0 trips	0.1 trips	1.2 trips	0.3 trips	0.0 trips	0.3 trips
By air	0.2 trips	0.0 trips	1.2 trips	0.0 trips	0.1 trips	0.4 trips	0.2 trips	0.2 trips	0.4 trips
Desired frequency of ferry service to Pbg. (avg.)	1.3 times / month	8.6 times / year	2.4 times / year	2.4 times / year	0.9 times / month	0.8 times / week	3.5 times / year	1.4 times / month	2.0 times / year
With desired service, projected # of annual ferry trips (Base: those who desire service to Petersburg)	4.6 trips / year	3.0 trips / year	4.0 trips / year	1.8 trips / year	2.7 trips / year	6.5 trips / year	2.3 trips / year	3.2 trips / year	3.3 trips / year
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### Northern Panhandle Household Transportation Survey

PHONE #		SURV	/EY #			
INTERVIEWER NAME		DATE				
S1. Community of residence	(Don't read)					
01□ Angoon 02□ Baranof Warm Springs 03□ Elfin Cove	04□ Gustavus 05□ Hoonah 06□ Kake	07□ Pelican 08□ Port Ale 09□ Tenakee				
survey for the Alaska Depa	irtment of Transpor rticipation will help	tation to better und	ka research firm. We are conducting a derstand the travel needs of Southeast rtation planning for your community. I			
1. In what year were you be	orn? 19(If bo	rn after 1986, ask for an	adult. If none available, thank and end survey.)			
2. Which Southeast common (Don't read list) Which is	unity, if any, is <u>most</u> the second most?	important for you (Write one for 1 <sup>st</sup>	to have access to by <u>FERRY</u> ? choice and two for 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)			
None		_ Hydaburg	Skagway			
Angoon		. Hyder	Tenakee			
Coffman Cove		Juneau	Thorne Bay			
Craig		. Kake	Wrangell			
Elfin Cove		. Ketchikan	Yakutat			
Gustavus		. Metlakatla	Other			
Haines/Klukwa	n	. Pelican	Don't know			
Hobart Bay		_ Petersburg	Refused			
Hoonah		. Sitka				
3. Which southeast commu (Don't read list) Which is	unity, if any, is <u>most</u> the second most?	important for you (Write one for 1 <sup>st</sup>	to have access to by <u>AIR</u> ? choice and two for 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)			
None		. Hydaburg	Skagway			
Angoon		. Hyder	Tenakee			
Coffman Cove		Juneau	Thorne Bay			
Craig		. Kake	Wrangell			
Elfin Cove		. Ketchikan	Yakutat			
Gustavus		. Metlakatla	Other			
Haines/Klukwa	n	. Pelican	Don't know			
Hobart Bay		_ Petersburg	Refused			
Hoonah		. Sitka				

<b>4</b> a	from (their community) to Juneau? Please include trips where you were just passing through Juneau.  (If zero, skip to Read before Q7)						# of trips	Don't know refuse	
	•	•			<b></b> a	. Trips		999□	
	4b. How many of these					. By ferry		999□	
	4c. How many of these	trips were by	/ air?		<b></b> ▶	. By air		999□	
						Буан		3000	
[Ke	ead] We would like to und Juneau. For each mode shopping, visiting friend	e of travel, I an	n going to ask	k you if the pri		se of your tri	p was for r	medical,	
5.	How many of your <u>(# f</u>		-		imarily for.	(Read list)			
	Medical	[Total sho	ould be equal to	4b]		997□	□ Don't kno	ow	
	Shopping					999	☐ Refused		
	Visiting friends a								
	•	such as school ar	nd sports						
	Work								
	Other								
	Passing through								
	No primary purp	pose/multiple reas	sons						
6.	How many of your (# f	from Q4c) Jun	ıeau <u>AIR</u> trip:	s were prima	rily for(Re	ead list)			
	Medical	[Total sho	ould be equal to	4c]		997	□ Don't kno	ow	
	Shopping					999	☐ Refused		
	Visiting friends a								
		such as school ar	nd sports						
	Work								
	Other								
	Passing through	า							
	No primary purp	pose/multiple reas	sons						
[Re	ead] The next series of qu these questions, assum						When ansv	wering	
7.	How frequent would fe	erry service t	o Juneau ne	ed to be in o	rder to mee	t your need	ls?		
	•	s per week		ed Zero/don't		•			
		s per month	qc	o7 <b>□</b> Don't know	(Skin to 09)	· ·	-		
					` ' '				
	times	s per year	Skip to Q9)						
8.	If you had ferry service (# from Q7) to Juneau, how many ferry trips would you make to Juneau								
	in a year? (If ze	ero, skip to Q9)	) 7 <b>□</b> De	on't know (Skip	to Q9)	9 <b>□</b> Refus	sed (Skip to	Q9)	
	8a. Of the (# from Q8) f			naking to Jun	neau in a ye Don't know	ear, on how	-	hese trips	
9.	Please tell me if you a	re Very satis	fied, Satisfie	d, Dissatisfie	d or Very d	issatisfied	with		
I		1	2	3	4	5	7	9	
I		Very	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very	Neutral	Don't	•	
I		Satisfied	Ganonea	Dissuis	Dissatisfied		know	Refused	
	Your ability to get     ground transportation     at the Juneau ferry     terminal.	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	
	b. Your ability to get ground transportation at the Juneau airport.	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	

10a. In the past 12 months, how many trips have you made from their community to Sitka? Please include trips where you were just passing through Sitka.					you		# of trips	Don't
	(If zero, skip to Read be	fore Q13)			<b> </b>			refuse
	10b. How many of these	e trips were l	by ferry?			Trips		999□
	10c. How many of these	e trips were t	oy air?		b. I	By ferry		999□
[Re	ead] We would like to und Sitka. For each mode of shopping, visiting friends	f travel I, am g	going to ask yo	ou if the prima	aver to	<b>By air</b> of your trip w	vas for me	999□ edical,
11	. How many of your <u>(# f</u> i	•		-	narily for(R	· _	,	
	Medical	[Total sho	ould be equal to	10b]		997□		
	ShoppingVisiting friends a	and relatives				999∟	<b>J</b> Refused	ļ
		such as school ar	nd sports					
	Work							
	Other							
	Passing through	n						
	No primary purp	pose/multiple reas	sons					
12	. How many of your <u>(# f</u> i	from Q10c) <b>Si</b> f	tka AIR trips	were primari	ilv for(Read	1 list)		
•-	Medical	•	ould be equal to	-	<b>1y</b> 10	997□	<b>J</b> Don't kn	ow
	Shopping					999□	<b>J</b> Refused	I
	Visiting friends a							
		such as school ar	nd sports					
	Work							
	Other							
	Passing through		- 3-6					
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-	ead] The next series of questions, assume	ne that travel c	costs would be	e the same as	s they are toda	ay.		wering
13.	. How frequent would fe	-			-			
	<del></del>	s per week		ee□ Zero/don't			) to Q 10 <i>j</i>	
	times	s per month	99	97 <b>□</b> Don't know	√ (Skip to Q15)			
	times	s per year	99	99 <b>□</b> Refused (S	Skip to Q15)			
14	. If you had ferry service				-	-		
	in a year? (If ze	ero, skip to Q15	5) 7 <b>1</b> Do	on't know (Skip	o to Q15) 9□	Refused (Sk	ip to Q15)	
	14a. Of the <u>(# from Q14</u> would you prefer to					ı <b>r, on how r</b> 9 <b>□</b> Ref	-	hese trips
15	. Please tell me if you ar	re Very satis	fied, Satisfie	d, Dissatisfie	ed or Very dis	ssatisfied v	with	
Ī		1	2	3	4	5	7	9
		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral	Don't know	Refused
	a. Your ability to get ground transportation at the Sitka ferry terminal.	1	2	3	4	5	7	9
	b. Your ability to get ground transportation at the Sitka air terminal.	1	2	3	4	5	7	9

16a. In the past 12 months, how many trips have you made							# of	Don't			
	from their community) you were just passing		trips	know/ refused							
	(If zero, skip to Read be	a. Trips		999□							
	16b. How many of these	e trips were b	oy ferry?		<b></b>	b. By ferry		999□			
	16c. How many of these	e trips were b	y air?		<b>—</b>	c. By air		999□			
[Re	ead] We would like to und Petersburg. For each m shopping, visiting friend	ode of travel,	I am going to	ask you if the			ır trip was	for medical,			
17.	How many of your <u>(# from Q16b)</u> Petersburg <u>FERRY</u> trips were primarily for(Read list)										
	Medical [Total should be equal to 16b] 997 Don't know										
	Shopping	and relatives				9991	☐ Refused				
Visiting friends and relativesSpecial events such as school and sports											
	Work		·								
	Other										
	Passing through	n									
	No primary purp	No primary purpose/multiple reasons									
18.	How many of your <u>(#</u>	from Q16c) Pe	tersburg <u>AIF</u>	R trips were p	rimarily	for(Read list	)				
	Medical	[Total sho	uld be equal to	16c]		997[	<b>J</b> Don't kn	ow			
	Shopping					999[	☐ Refused				
	Visiting friends	and relatives such as school a	nd enorte								
	Work	sucii as scriooi ai	nu sports								
	Other										
	Passing through	n									
	No primary purp	No primary purpose/multiple reasons									
[Re	ead] The next series of qu						When ans	wering			
	these questions, assum	e that travel c	costs would be	e the same as	they are	today.					
19.	How frequent would for	-	-	=		-					
	times	s per week	99	ed Zero/don't	travel to P	etersburg by fer	y (Skip to 0	Q21)			
	times	s per month	99	97□ Don't know	(Skip to	Q21)					
	times	s per year	99	9□ Refused (S	Skip to Q2	1)					
20. If you had ferry service (# from Q19 to Petersburg, how many ferry trips would you make to Petersbur in a year? (If zero, skip to Q21) 7 Don't know (Skip to Q21) 9 Refused (Skip to Q21)											
	20a. Of the <u>(# from Q20</u> trips would you pr							ny of these			
21.	Please tell me if you a	re Very satis	fied, Satisfie	d, Dissatisfie	d or Ver	y dissatisfied	with				
I		1	2	3	4	5	7	9			
		Very	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very	Neutral	Don't				
		Satisfied	Julished	Dissuisned	Dissatist		know	Refused			
Ī	a. Your ability to get ground transportation at the Petersburg ferry terminal.	1	2	3	4	5	7	9			
	b. Your ability to get ground transportation at the Petersburg air terminal.	1	2	3	4	5	7	9			
22.	ground transportation at the Petersburg air	you a list of transportation g before choice nost important i	ferry service n needs. (R ce) nt issue? issue?	e issues. Plea	ese indicate list)						
	Low cost ferry serv	vice									
	Frequent ferry service										

23.	important in meeting your air trar (Write number of ranking before cho	sportatio					ie is <u>most</u>		
	Which is the second most important issue?								
	Which is the third most important	t issue?							
	Fast travel times Convenient arrival/departure tim Low cost air service Frequent air service	nes	9 <b>.</b> D	on't know/r	refused				
24.	When traveling within Southeast taking the ferry? (Don't read list;				son you wo	ould choos	e to <u>fly</u> ins	tead of	
	Ferry takes too long/travel time No AMHS service to community of Air schedule convenience/ferry so	or destinatio	n	7 <b>□</b> 8 <b>□</b>	Don't know Other Refused				
25.	When traveling within Southeast Alaska, what is the main reason you would choose to take the ferry instead of flying? (Don't read list;check all that apply)								
	2☐ Less expensive 6☐ 3☐ Bring vehicle/freight 7☐		•	98🖵	Don't know Other Refused				
26.		ta or Peter Don't know Refused (SI	(Skip to Q2	27)					
		Don't know Refused							
	2☐ No (skip to Q29) 9☐	Don't know Refused (SI	(Skip to Q2 kip to Q29)	9)			·		
28.	For each of the following compor Satisfied, Dissatisfied or Very dis			only terry	y service, w	ere you ve	ery satisfie	a,	
	(READ LIST)	1 Very Satisfied	2 Satisfied	3 Neutral	4 Dissatisfied	<b>5</b> Very  Dissatisfied	7 Don't know	9 Refused	
a. (	Overall experience	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	
b. \	alue for the money	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	
с. (	Convenience of schedule	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	
d. (	Comfort during the trip	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	
	ability to transport baggage and personal tems	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	
29.	2 \$20,001 - \$40,000 6		<b>2003.</b> \$100,000	gory that	best descr	ibes your <u>t</u>	<u>otal</u> combi	ned	

### Thank you for participating in this important project!